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Fact Sheet

College Tuition Dependent Fee Waiver Program

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The waiver of mandatory system wide fees at any campus of the University of California (UC), California State University (Cal-State, including the California Maritime Academy), or California Community College is the basic benefit.

Current benefits are provided under the authority of the Military and Veterans Code, Article 2, Sections 890 through 899 and 980; and the Educational Code, Sections 66025 through 66025.6.

There are four plans under which a dependent may qualify for the waiver of mandatory system wide fees:

- Plan A (Military & Veterans Code) The spouse, registered domestic partner, child (under the age of 27) or unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran who is totally service-connected disabled, or who has died of service-connected causes, missing in action or captured by hostile forces or forcibly detained by a foreign power may qualify.
- Plan B (Educational Code) The child of a veteran who has a permanent service-connected disability. The child's income and the value of support provided by a parent cannot exceed the national poverty level.
- Plan C (Benefits for The California National Guard) The spouse, registered domestic partner, child or unmarried surviving spouse of a member of the California National Guard, who is permanently disabled, or who has died of service-connected causes, may qualify.
- Plan D (Educational Code) Medal of Honor recipients, and children of Medal of Honor recipients under the age of 27 may qualify.

Plan A Specifics: Children must meet age guidelines. There is no income restriction. Concurrent receipt of benefits under Plan A and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) Chapter 35 benefits is prohibited. Wartime service is required except when veteran is listed as missing or has been detained or captured. Children must be eligible prior to their 21st birthday.

Plan B Specifics: Current academic year entitlement is based upon the previous calendar year's income and support provided by their parents.

Plan C Specifics: Death or permanent disability must have occurred while in the active service of the state. This benefit applies only to dependents, surviving spouses, and surviving registered domestic partners of members of the California National Guard.

Plan D Specifics: Benefits under Plan D are limited to undergraduate studies only, and must meet both income and age restrictions.

*Note that all students must meet California residency requirements.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs determines benefits eligibility. Each school waives fees based on their own definitions and written guidelines. Nothing shall prevent educational institutions from charging non-resident fees. Any disagreement over what fees should be waived, should be resolved at the lowest possible level between the student and the school involved.

To apply for the Dependent Fee Waiver Program contact your local County Veterans Service Officer (www.cacvso.org), or the Admissions Office of any California system campus.